

By: Representatives Reynolds, Horne, Eads,
McBride

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 41

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING MRS. ALTA "JO" BRYAN FOR HER MANY
2 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF THE TAYLOR AND
3 OXFORD COMMUNITIES.

4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Alta "Jo" Bryan, known affectionately as "Miss
5 Jo," of Taylor, Mississippi, has been a great asset to the
6 communities of Taylor and Oxford, Mississippi; and

7 WHEREAS, Miss Jo's life of volunteerism began at the age of
8 eleven in Lafayette County when the aggressive young lady
9 volunteered to drive for her grandfather, the county doctor for
10 Lafayette and Panola Counties, after he lost his left arm in an
11 accident; and

12 WHEREAS, it was during this time of volunteer service to her
13 grandfather that Miss Jo learned the meaning of being a true
14 servant to one's friends and neighbors, and she developed a
15 natural gift of nurturing in all types of situations; and

16 WHEREAS, in recognition of her genuine love and concern for
17 all people with whom she comes into contact, Miss Jo was named
18 Senior Citizen of the Year for Mississippi in 1999 and 2000, and
19 in 2001 she received a nomination for the Governor's GIVE award;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, at 89 years of age, Miss Jo lives a productive life,
22 having worked full time at Baptist Hospital-North
23 Mississippi-Oxford for the past 23 years as a receptionist,
24 becoming the congenial voice and face of the institution; and

25 WHEREAS, Miss Jo exemplifies the epitome of Christian
26 womanhood as a wife to her late husband, Leden, and as a mother to
27 six children: David Bryan, Harry Bryan, Mina Bryan, Janet



28 Briscoe, Linda Pitcock and the late Jimmie Bryan, and also gave of
29 herself and her time to anyone seeking the warmth and compassion
30 of a mother's love; and

31 WHEREAS, a member of the Taylor United Methodist Church for
32 more than 50 years, Miss Jo serves as a Trustee and member of the
33 Pastor Parish Committee, Sunday School and choir; and

34 WHEREAS, painting a vivid portrait of life through her
35 youthful and energetic vitality, Miss Jo's joyful spirit is
36 reflected in the members of her church and community as she rides
37 the Bryan family float in the annual Fourth of July parades,
38 portraying such characters as the Statue of Liberty, the "Bryan
39 Hot Dog," Miss Taylor Beach, and even Shania Twain's 2-K Woman;
40 and

41 WHEREAS, Miss Jo is an ambassador for community service,
42 whether acting in various capacities as nurse, infant caretaker,
43 counselor, veterinarian, or even driving instructor, she
44 precociously spreads acts of goodwill without hesitation; and

45 WHEREAS, throughout her distinguished years of service to the
46 countless citizens of Taylor and Oxford, Miss Jo has been
47 faithfully supported by her children, 10 grandchildren and 15
48 great-grandchildren; and

49 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives of
50 the State of Mississippi to recognize and commend excellence of
51 such outstanding Mississippians as Miss Jo, whose life is a living
52 testimonial of Christian and community service at its utmost,
53 having great influence on those who come into contact with her:

54 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
55 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
56 commend and congratulate Mrs. Alta "Jo" Bryan for her dedicated
57 service to the citizens of the Taylor and Oxford communities and
58 extend our heartiest wishes for many more years of good health,
59 peace and happiness and success in all her future endeavors.



60 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
61 furnished to Mrs. Alta "Jo" Bryan and the members of the Capitol
62 Press Corps.

